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IT PARKS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought any assistance to Union Government for setting up of I.T. Parks in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry of Communication and Information Technology has got a scheme to give financial and technical assistance to the State Government proposing to establish I.T. Parks in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Proposal for setting up of Software Technology Parks (STPI) Center at Surat, Rajkot, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar in State of Gujarat has been received. It has been decided to setup STPI center at Surat.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir, The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Information Technology has set up Software Technology Park of India (STPI) in 1991 with an objective to implement Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme, set- up and manage infrastructure facilities and provide other services like technology assessment and professional training. As per current policy for setting up a new STPI Centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crore to STPI. The Department of Information Technology, Government of India provides a seed capital of Rs. 50 lakhs to STPI for setting up of new STPI Centers. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.